# LOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS

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## APPLICATION FOR INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024

Personal Information:	ina Cta	.lle.:	
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Hingham	MA	02043	Cell Phone 828.764.1785
city	state	zip	Continuing
Email Address artstella	ır@yah	100.com	
How may we contact you?	at work	at home 🔳 by e-mail	by cell phone
Certifications Held			
Certification			State
Superintendent		MA	
Are you eligible for licensure If not, have you submitted	as a superint an applicati	dassachusetts?  YES  NO tendent in Massachusetts?  on for certification as a superinte	YES
<b>Current School District Inf</b>	ormation:		
Are you presently under contri	act to a scho	ol district? No	
If yes, when does your contract	t expire?		
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## **Academic and Professional Training:**

Location Columbus, OH	Degree
Athens, OH	BS
Athens, OH	MA
Athens, OH	Ph.D
	Columbus, OH Athens, OH Athens, OH

## **Professional Experience:**

No. Years	Dates From/To 2012/present	Position VP Nat. Ed. Four	School District  Idation NA
2	2009/2011	Superintendent	Burke County, NC
4	2005/2009	Superintendent	Taunton, MA
3	2003/2005	VP, Chief Ed. Off.	Renaissance Learning
		Associate	Docufide;TSN:
-			Proact;Schoolmatch
2	2001/2003	CEO;Pres.;Cons.	High/Scope Research Foundation

Other Relevant Work Experience and Achievements:

5	1996/2001	Superintendent	Kingston, NY
4	1993/1996	Deputy/Acting Supt.;	
1990			Boston, MA
1	1992/1993	Supt.; Board Advisor	Cobb County, GA
7.5	1985/1992	Superintendent	OKC, OK
2	1983/1985	Superintendent	Mercer County, WV
3	1980/1983	Asst. Superintendent	-
2	1978/1980	Coor. Special Projects and System-wide Planning	

American Association of Scho	ool Administrators, Leadership for Learning Award
Kappa Delta Pi; Phi Delta Kap	The state of the s
Harvard University Chapter, P	hi Delta Kappa; Horace Mann League, Past-Presiden
	ation; NAEYC; NCTE; Music Educators National Conference
	rld Council for Curriculum and Instruction, Former President
	Center/Network, Former Chair of the Board
	ns Association; PR Society of America
Association of School Busines	
lease list below the names and addresses o ompetence and character, whom we may clame	Address 1350 Beverly Dr #219 McLean, VA 22101
Name Dr. Appu Kurran  Chair National Education Founda	contact should you become a finalist.  Address  Address  Phone Number
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Please list below the names and addresses of competence and character, whom we may consider the competence and character, whom we may consider the constant of	Address 1350 Beverly Dr #219 McLean, VA 22101  Address 301 Old NC 18, Morganton, NC 28655  Chair Phone Number 4  Address Taunton City Hall, Taunton, MA 02780
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A complete	application form includes the following:
<b>X</b> 1.	A completed and signed application form.
<b>X</b> 2.	An up-to-date resume.
<b>X</b> 3.	A copy of the candidate's Massachusetts superintendent license, or evidence that the candidate is eligible for licensure as a superintendent in Massachusetts and has submitted his/her application to the Department of Education.
X 4.	Evidence of highest degree earned (copy of diploma, license and/or certificate).
All application	on documents listed above must be received in the MASC office on or before May 31, 2023 at 3:00pm.
Please note: A new applic	MASC does not maintain an applicant file for use in future searches. ration and application materials listed are required for each search.
I understand to of my applica	that, under the requirements of the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, should I become a finalist, certain facts ition will become public information and that the school committee may request a copy of my transcripts.
Signature	art Stellas Date May 29,2023

Send all information to:

**Lowell Public Schools Search** 

c/o Glenn Koocher

MASC

One McKinley Square

Boston, Massachusetts 02109

Telephone: (617) 523 - 8454; (800) 392 - 6023

FAX: (617) 702 - 4111

Email all information to Ann-marie Martin: amartin@masc.org

For further information please contact Glenn Koocher at gkoocher@masc.org (617-733-0497) Please do not contact school committee members or members of the school administration.

#### ARTHUR STELLAR, Ph.D.

75 Summer Street Hingham, Massachusetts 02043 781-875-1723 or 828-764-1785 cell artstellar@yahoo.com

Founder & CEO, Stellar Advantage, Inc.

Vice-President, National Education Foundation & CyberLearning, McLean, VA

Cenergistic (energy conservation), Marketing Consultant

Experienced and Productive SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (25 years)

Former CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICER, Vice-President for Renaissance Learning (Software)

Former PRESIDENT /CEO/Consultant for High/Scope Educational Research Foundation Chairman/President of For-Profit Subsidiary

FORMER: SCHOOL BUS DRIVER- TEACHER-COACH-PRINCIPAL

EDUCATOR IN AFFLUENT SUBURBS, RURAL SETTINGS AND INNER CITIES

Fifty-Five (55) PROTEGES AS SUPERINTENDENTS

#### FORMER NATIONAL PRESIDENT:

- Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
- North American Chapter of World Council for Curriculum and Instruction
- Horace Mann League

#### MEMBER OF VARIOUS NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC BOARDS:

Former Chairman of the Board, National Dropout Prevention Center/Network, at Clemson U. Board of Directors, Tau Kappa Epsilon Educational Foundation

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Plato Learning, Inc. (Education Software Company), Former independent Director) Teachers Support Network (Private company - recruits educators for districts) Docufide, Inc. (Secure Transcript - electronic transfer, private company), Former Advisory Board Member

#### OHIO UNIVERSITY:

Three (3) Degrees (Athens, Ohio)

#### FORMER ADJUNCT FACULTY:

Harvard University (Superintendents' Seminar Participant) Lesley College (Courses on Fine Arts and Administration)

#### PUBLISHED AUTHOR:

Seventy (70) plus Articles Three hundred and Eighty (380) plus Book Reviews Eight (8) Small Books or Chapters

#### INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANT/SPEAKER:

Fulbright Scholar (Four times - Japan, Argentina, Mexico, and Brazil)
George Soros Foundation (Speaker - Russia and Belarus)

#### NATIONAL HONORS RECEIVED:

National Dropout Prevention Network/Center: "Crystal Star Award"

Education Commission of the States: "100 District leaders for Civic Engagement and Service-Learning Network"

American Association of School Administrators: "Distinguished Service", ' "Leadership for Learning" and "Dr. Effie Jones Humanitarian" Awards

Tau Kappa Epsilon: "National Alumnus-Of- The-Year"; "Excellence in Education" & "Excellence in Higher Education", 2017

College Board: "Advanced Placement Special Recognition"

Horace Mann league: "Ambassador Awards" and "Friend of Horace Mann league" Ohio University: "Distinguished Alumnus" & "Medal of Merit" for Alumni, 2015

#### NATIONAL RECOGNITION:

Time Inc: "Shaker Heights High School - Top 12 Public Schools in the U.S." American Association of School Librarians: "Best library Program in Country" (Shaker Heights, OH)

Environmental Protection Agency: "Energy Star Award" (Kingston, NY)

Numerous awards at High/Scope Educational Research Foundation (Ypsilanti, MI)

Energy Education, Inc.: "Environmental Stewardship Award" and "Energy

Excellence Award" 2008 (Taunton, MA)

Energy Education, Inc.: "Environmental Excellence," 2010 & . 11 (Burke Co., NC) Environmental Protection Agency: "Energy Star leader" - All Burke Co. Schools as "Energy Star Schools"

Kappa Delta Pi: Selection to Eleanor Roosevelt Chapter, 2015

#### LIFETIME ACHIEVER:

Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts, Age 12

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE:

TURNAROUND SPECIALIST-Oklahoma City: 32 At-Risk Schools to 3
WIN/WIN NEGOTIATOR
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
PRODUCT MANAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT
PLANNING & CHANGE AGENT for Excellence
PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT
PUBLIC RELATIONS, MARKETING & SALES

#### FAMILY:

WIFE: <u>Debbie</u> - Ed.D, Nationally Recognized (Blue Ribbon School) Principal TWO SONS: <u>Matt & Jon</u>, Graduates of Boston University; American University and Hofstra Law School (Eagle Scouts, Musicians, Athletes, Black Belts in Martial Arts, School Leaders); Matt is an energy manager, Jon is a district attorney.

#### COLLECTOR:

**Antiques** 

**Business Cards** 

Coca-Cola Santa Claus Memorabilia

RAISING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT!!

#### ASPIRING MARATHONER:

First Marathon, 1999 - finished

Marathon, 2003 - 18 months after hip replacement - finished 7 marathons since then

#### ARTHUR STELLAR, Ph.D.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE:

Founder & CEO, Stellar Advantage, Inc.

Vice-President, National Education Foundation & CyberLearning (2012- present)

Superintendent of Schools (2009 -2011)

Burke County Public Schools, Morganton, North Carolina

Superintendent of Schools (2005 - 2009)

Taunton Public Schools; Taunton, Massachusetts

Chief Education Officer, Vice-President of Renaissance Learning, Inc., Madison, Wisconsin (for-profit) (2003 - 2004)

President/Chief Executive Officer/Consultant (2001 - 2003)
High/Scope Educational Research Foundation; (non-profit) Ypsilanti, Michigan Chairman/President of Subsidiary (for-profit)

Superintendent of Schools (1996 - 2001)
Kingston School District; Kingston, New York

Acting Superintendent of Schools (Spring - Fall 1995)
Deputy Superintendent of Schools (1993 - 1996)
Special Assistant to Superintendent (4 months)
Boston Public Schools; Boston, Massachusetts

Superintendent of Schools (1992 - 1993)

Cobb County Public Schools; Marietta, Georgia

Superintendent of Schools (1985 -1992)
Oklahoma City Public Schools; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Superintendent of Schools (1983 - 1985)

Mercer County Public Schools; Princeton, West Virginia

Assistant Superintendent of Schools (1980 - 1983)
Shaker Heights City School District; Shaker Heights, Ohio

Coordinator of Special Projects/Systemwide Planning (1978 - 1980) Montgomery County Public Schools; Rockville, Maryland

Director of Elementary Education (1976 - 1978)

Beverly Public Schools; Beverly, Massachusetts

Elementary School Principal (1972 -1976)
South-Western City Schools; Grove City, Ohio

Head Teacher/Summer Learning Disabilities Program (June - August 1973) South-Western City Schools; Grove City, Ohio

Curriculum Coordinator (1971 - 1972) Belpre City Schools; Belpre, Ohio

Principal Intern (1971 -1972)

Ohio University - Belpre Middle School; Belpre, Ohio

#### **UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

Adjunct Faculty (1992 - 1993)

"Urban Superintendent Preparation" - Seminar Participant Harvard University Cambridge, Massachusetts

Instructor (1976 - 1978)

"Elementary School Administration and Supervision" Lesley Graduate Center, Lesley College Cambridge, Massachusetts

Adjunct Arts Instructor (1977 - 1978)

"Integrating the Arts with the Primary Curriculum"
Institute for the Arts and Human Development, Lesley College
Cambridge, Massachusetts

#### PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Head Teacher/Summer Learning Disabilities Program (June - August 1973)
South-Western City Schools; Grove City, Ohio

Language Arts Specialist/Grade 8 Teacher (1971 - 1972) Belpre City Schools; Belpre, Ohio

Fifth Grade Teacher (1969 - 1971)
Athens City Schools; Athens, Ohio

Student Teaching - Levels 4, 5, 6 (1969)
Ohio University Laboratory School; Athens, Ohio

#### **EDUCATION:**

Linden McKinley Junior and Senior High School; Columbus, Ohio (1965)

Ohio University; Athens, Ohio (June 1969, B. S., Elementary Education)

Ohio University; Athens, Ohio (June 1970, M. A., Elementary School Administration)

Ohio University; Athens, Ohio (March 1973, Ph.D., Education Administration)

#### **FOR-PROFIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Stellar Advantage, Inc.; Chair & CEO

PLATO Learning, Inc. (Education Software Company) 2000 - 2003

Teachers' Support Network, Advisory Board (private company, recruits teachers) 2004-2009

Docufide, Inc. Advisory Board (private company, software for records) 2004 - 2005

Discovery Center (subsidiary of High/Scope), Chair & President 2002 - 2003

Project Contemporary Competitiveness, Inc. (Technology Subcommittee) 2005 - 2009

#### PRESENTATIONS AND CONSULTING:

Presentations at national conferences for organizations such as the American Association of School Administrators, World Future Society, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, National Association for Elementary School Principals, National Association for Education of Young Children, International Society for Educational Planning, Phi Delta Kappa, Kappa Delta Pi, National School Boards Association, World Council for Curriculum and Instruction, National Council of Teachers of English, International Reading Association, etc.

Consulting for the National School Boards Association; Educational Research Service; various school districts; Phi Delta Kappa (a variety of chapters); state departments of education; Guidelines, Inc.; the Sores Foundation; PLATO Learning; Docufide, Inc.; PROACT Search, Inc.; SchoolMatch, Inc.; Kappa Delta Pi; and other organizations including The Institute for Management of Lifelong Learning at Harvard University.

#### MAJOR CONSULTING:

Teacher's Support Network, Inc. (private company, recruitment software for teachers); 2004-2009

Educational Testing Service (ETS), Princeton, NJ (reader for superintendent praxis); 2011-2015

National Education Foundation, Vice-President, Washington, DC; 2012 – CyberLearning, Vice-President, McLean, Virginia: 2012-

Cenergistic (energy conservation), 2016-19

#### **PUBLICATIONS:**

#### Books:

- "Effective Programming at the District Level," <u>Public Relations in Schools</u>. Theodore Kowalski, Ed. (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall, Inc., Third edition, 2003)
- "Effective Programming at the Institutional Level," <u>Public Relations in Educational</u>

  <u>Organizations.</u> Theodore Kowalski, Ed. (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall, Inc., 1995)
- "Planning in the Oklahoma City Public Schools," <u>Educational Planning Concepts, Strategies, and Practices.</u> Robert V. Carlson and Gary Ackerman, Editors. (White Plains, NY: Longman Publishing, 1990)
- "Staff, District, and Community Support," <u>Instructional Leadership Handbook</u>. James W. Keefe, Ed. (Reston, VA: National Association of Secondary School Principals, 1984; updated, 1990)
- Effective Schools Research: Practice and Promise
  (Bloomington, Indiana: Phi Delta Kappa Educational Foundation, 1988)
- "One Model for Effective Educational Reforms in Schools," <u>Organizing for Learning</u> (Reston, VA: National Association for Secondary School Principals, 1988)
- "Implications for Programmatic Excellence and Equity," <u>The Fiscal, Legal and Political Aspects of State Reform of Elementary and Secondary Education</u>, Van Mueller and Mary McKeown, Eds. (Cambridge, MA: Sixth Annual Yearbook of the American Education Finance Association, 1986)
- "Curriculum Planning," <u>Fundamental Curriculum Decisions: 1983 ASCD Yearbook</u> (Alexandria, VA: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, 1983)
- <u>Effective Instructional Management</u> (Arlington, VA: American Association of School Administrators, 1983)
- <u>Educational Planning for Educational Success</u> (Bloomington, Indiana: Phi Delta Kappa Educational Foundation, 1980)

#### ARTICLES AND BOOK REVIEWS:

Over 600 articles, book chapters, and book reviews in journals such as <u>Educational Leadership</u>, <u>The School Administrator</u>, <u>Contemporary Education</u>, <u>Young Child</u>, <u>Phi Delta Kappan</u>, <u>Public Relations Review</u>, <u>Middle School Journal of Educational Administration Peabody Journal of Education</u>, <u>Journal of School Psychology</u>, <u>Journal of Educational Public Relations</u>, etc.

#### **CURRENT EDITORIAL BOARD:**

Former Assistant Editor, "Journal of Education Human Relations"

Former Assistant Editor, "Journal of School Public Relations" Former Editorial Advisory Board, "Scholastic Administrator"

#### PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: (Current List)

Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Life Member, President 1994-1995, Review Council 1997-2002

American Association of School Administrators, Life Member, Leadership for Learning Award; Dr.

Effie Jones Humanitarian Award & "Distinguished Service Award" (2017)

Kappa Delta Pi, Life Member

Phi Delta Kappa, Life Member, "Distinguished Educator"

National Association of Elementary School Principals, Life Member

National Society for Study of Education

Harvard University Chapter, Phi Delta Kappa

Horace Mann League, Life Member, Past-President

World Council for Curriculum and Instruction, Life Member

National Association for Education of Young Children, Life Member

National Alliance for Black School Educators, Life Member

Music Educators National Conference, Life Member

National Association for Gifted Children, Life Member

National Council for Teachers of English, Life Member

North American Chapter of the World Council for Curriculum and Instruction, former President

National Dropout Prevention Center/Network, Former Chairman of Board

National School Public Relations Association

#### **CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:**

Fulbright Memorial Foundation, (Scholar/Exchange to Japan, Argentina, Mexico and Brazil)

Life Member

Ohio University, Trustees Academy

World Future Society, Life Member

Ohio University Alumni Association

National Eagle Scout Association, Life Member

Tau Kappa Epsilon Alumni Association

Ohio University College of Education, Dean's

**Advisory Circle** 

American Business Card Collectors' Club

Coca-Cola Collectors Club

Varsity Ohio

Tau Kappa Epsilon Educational Foundation, Board

Hingham Historical Society

Land's End Preservation Trust

#### **HONORS AND AWARDS:**

Phi Delta Kappa, "Distinguished Educator", 2021

National Tau Kappa Epsilon's "Excellence in Higher Education", 2017

National Association for Gifted Children, Named Chair of Development Committee, Fall, 2017

Ohio University College of Education, Alumnus of the Month, May 2016

Kappa Delta P, Named to Advancement Committee, 2016

AASA "Distinguished Service" Award for 2016

Selected for the Sino Language and Beyond, Discover China Program, 2016

Ohio University Alumni Association, Medal of Merit for 2015

Kappa Delta Pi: Selected for Eleanor Roosevelt Chapter, 2015

Named to Tau Kappa Epsilon National Education Foundation Board, 2015

Named to Budget Committee, Kappa Delta Pi, 2015

Invited to participate in AASA's Research Roundtable in 2014

Invited to join 2013 & 2015 Chinese Delegation sponsored by The College Board & Confucius Institute

Invited to join the Baldrige Board of Examiners in 2013 & 2014 & 2016

Earned "Energy Star Leader" from Environmental Protection Agency for all schools meeting energy star status in 2011

Earned "Environmental Excellence Award", from Energy Education, Inc. in 2010, for saving \$2,100,000 and again in 2011 for saving another \$2,000,000 (North Carolina)

Selected for 2009 Fulbright Administrator Exchange for Brazil

Selected for 2008 Fulbright Administrator Exchange for Mexico

Awarded "Distinguished Service to Public Education" for promotion of technology in 2008 by JFY Networks

Earned "Energy Excellence Award", from Energy Education, Inc. in 2008, for saving \$1,000,000 (Taunton)

Selected for Crystal Star Award for Excellence for Distinguished Service and Leadership in 2007 by the National Dropout Prevention Network/Center

Selected by American Association of School Administrators for "Dr. Effie Jones Humanitarian Award" in 2007

Named to Who's Who Among American Teachers & Educators, 2006-07

Selected for "100 District Leaders for Civic Engagement and Service-Learning Network" by Education Commission of the States, 2006

Selected as "Friend of Horace Mann League", 2006

Inducted into Academic Hall of Fame, Linden McKinley High School, 2003

Named to Who's Who in Executives and Professionals, 2003 -

Elected Chairman of the Board,

National Dropout Prevention Center/Network 2002 - 2007

Elected President of the Horace Mann League, 2001 - 2002

Listed in International Who's Who of Public Service, 2000 -

Selected as Fulbright Scholar to Argentina, 2000 - 2001

Elected President - Elect of Horace Mann League, 2001

Art Stellar, Ph.D.

Elected President of the North American Chapter of the World Council for Curriculum and Instruction, 2000-2002

Elected Vice-President of Horace Mann League, 2000

Chosen as Executive Board Member for the National Dropout Prevention Network, 1997 - 2003 Selected Fulbright Memorial Fund Scholar by Japan - U.S. Educational Commission, 1998

Honored with Life Membership in New York State Congress of Parent Teachers Association,

Elected as Vice-President of the New York State Congress of Parent Teacher Association, 1997 - 2001

Elected to Board of Directors of the North American Chapter of the World Council for Curriculum and Instruction. 1997 - 2000

Elected to the Review Council of ASCD, 1997-2002

Earned Horace Mann League Ambassador's Award every year from 1995 through 2011 Received the Boston Bilingual Parents Council's "Commitment to Quality Bilingual Programs" Award 1995

Selected to be a member of the Advisory Board for Who's Who in American Education, 1994 Assumed leadership in 1994 of the 191,000-international membership of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development as President

Received Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity; 1993 National Alumnus-of-Year, and Excellence in Education Award, 1993

Elected to Board of Directors, Horace Mann League, 1993

Elected as President-Elect of the 160,000-member Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, 1992 election

Chosen as a Mentor for Harvard University's Urban Superintendent Preparation Program, 1992 Received Kappa Delta Pi Award for Excellence in Education, 1992

Received Rotary International "Community Leadership" Award, 1992

Recognized by Oklahoma City Principals' Association for "Visionary Leadership," 1992

Selected for Ohio University College of Education Award, Distinguished Alumnus Award, 1991

Selected for "Leadership for Learning" Award, American Association of School Administrators, 1991

Selected by The College Board to receive the Advanced Placement Special Recognition Award, 1991

Selected by Assistant Secretary of Education to serve on U.S. Department of Education's Urban Superintendents' Network, 1990 -1993

Recognized by Oklahoma City Public Schools' Team Management Council with "Team Management Award," 1990 -1991

Selected for Silver Beaver Award, Last Frontier Council, Boy Scouts of America, 1990

Recognized by the Oklahoma Cambodian Community for "Support & Assistance Award," 1990 Earned Rotary Club 29's Wheelhouse Award, 1990

Elected to Executive Council for the 160,000-member Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, 1990

Acknowledged by the Oklahoma Laotian Women's Association for "Exceptional Leadership," 1989

Named by the Vietnamese American Student Scholarship Award Committee as recipient for the "Support for Vietnamese-American Students Award," 1988-89

Received Oklahoma Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development's Publication Award, 1989

Received the Reading Award, Oklahoma Literacy Council, 1989

Received the American Red Cross Appreciation Plaque, 1988

Selected as Danforth Fellow, 1987 -1988

Earned United Way's "Leadership Appreciation" Honor, 1987

Selected for Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity Alumni National Hall of Fame, 1986

Selected for Leadership Oklahoma City, 1986

Selected as one of five superintendents nationally to be a part of the Superintendent's Exchange Program established by the American Association and the Canadian Association of School Administrators, 1985 -1986

Selected for Who's Who in the World, 1986-

Selected for Who's Who in America, 1986 -

Selected for membership in the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Superintendent's Work Conference at Teachers College, Columbia University

Cited by Last Frontier Council Boy Scouts of American in "The Search for Excellence," 1986 Received American Institute of Architects, Oklahoma Chapter's "Special Award," 1986

Selected to be a member of the Advisory Board for Who's Who in the South and Southwest, 1985

Selected for the Superintendent's Institute sponsored by Peabody College of Vanderbilt University, 1984

Selected for Who's Who of Contemporary Achievement

Elected to an at-large position on the Board of Directors of the 140,000-member Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, 1983

Listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest, 1984 -1993

Listed in International Who's Who of Intellectuals, 1984

Listed in Who's Who in Finance and Industry, 1983

Listed in Men of Achievement, 1983

Listed in Who's Who in American Education, 1988 -1989, 1993

Listed in Dictionary of International Biography, 1988 -2000

Designed several brochures which received awards in the 1982 annual contest sponsored by the National School Public Relations Association

Selected by The Freedoms Foundation (and given a scholarship) to attend a week-long summer seminar at Valley Forge, PA, 1982

Selected as an Institute for Educational Leadership Policy Fellow to participate in a year long program, 1981 -1982

Listed in Who's Who in the Midwest, 1981, 1990, 1991

Listed in Who's Who in the East, 1980

Selected as a HEW Fellow, 1979-1980; however, declined this honor to pursue career goals Selected as an IID/E/A Fellow, by the Charles Kettering Foundation to attend a week-long summer seminar at Agnes Scott College in Atlanta, GA, 1978

Selected by the National Endowment for the Humanities to receive a stipend as a Humanities Fellow in July 1977

Named Honorary Fellow in Education Policy Studies at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1977

Selected as an IID/E/A Fellow by the Charles Kettering Foundation to attend a week-long summer seminar at Stephens College in Missouri, 1976

Selected as an Outstanding Young Man in America by the U.S. Jaycees and the Outstanding Young Men in American Program, 1976

Recognized by the Ohio State Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa for "Outstanding Leadership," 1976 Listed in Community Leaders and Noteworthy Americans, 1975 edition

#### Dr. Arthur W. Stellar Bio

Founder & CEO for Stellar Advantage, Inc.: a management consulting firm. The National Education Foundation (NEF) located in McLean, Virginia named Dr. Stellar as Vice-President based upon his knowledge of school operations and his drive. This Foundation assists school districts in many ways including the acquisition of Federal QZAB funding. He is also Vice-President of CyberLearning, a subsidiary of NEF.

Dr. Arthur Stellar served as superintendent of the Burke County Public Schools in North Carolina, which has been identified one of the five "most productive" districts in the state by the Center for American Progress. Burke County Public Schools was also identified by Augenblick, Palaich and Associates as one of the fourteen "highest achieving" and "lowest spending" districts in North Carolina. He led a financial turnaround going from a \$3.5 million deficit to an \$8.5 million+ positive balance in less than two years!

He has often been recruited to overcome challenges, thereby, previously serving as superintendent in Taunton, Massachusetts; Kingston, New York; (acting superintendent & deputy) Boston, Massachusetts; Cobb County, Georgia; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Mercer County, West Virginia. Dr. Stellar has also been affiliated with school systems in Shaker Heights, Ohio; Montgomery County, Maryland; Beverly, Massachusetts; and in Ohio – Athens, Southwestern City Schools and Belpre. He also served as chief education officer vice-president for Renaissance Learning, Inc. and president/CEO of High/Scope Educational Research Foundation.

The Advanced Mathematics & Science Academy Charter School invited Stellar to join the Board of Trustees and became the second ranked high school in Massachusetts. While serving in Boston, he upgraded the curriculum at Boston Latin School to produce its #1 Massachusetts ranking. While in Shaker Heights, Ohio he likewise enhanced that program to have the high school named as one of the top 12 public high schools in the country and the district library program as the best in the nation. As superintendent for Oklahoma City, he laid the curricular groundwork for the #1 (and 5 of top 10) high school in that state. During his tenure in Kingston, New York an elementary school became a state Blue Ribbon finalist and in Taunton, Massachusetts an elementary school became one of the three Blue Ribbon winners in that state, in addition schools in OKC and Cobb County, Georgia became national Blue-Ribbon School winners. As an elementary principal in Ohio, his school was one of two exemplary innovative schools recognized by the state, as well as being the first Ohio elementary school accredited.

Stellar is the former national president of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the North American Chapter of the World Council for Curriculum and Instruction and the Horace Mann League. Stellar was also elected as the state vice-president of the New York State PTA. He has been chairman of the board for the National Dropout Prevention Network/Center, as well as serving on various boards such as the corporate board for Plato Learning, Inc. In addition, Stellar has been a consultant for various companies and organizations including the administrator search firms PROACT Search (2000-07) and Guidelines. Inc. He is currently writing a book on career

planning for educational administrators and another book entitled "Stellar at 70". In 2013 he was invited to become a member of the Malcolm Baldrige Board of Examiners for the National Quality Award.

Dr. Stellar began his career as an elementary teacher, coach and bus driver. His extensive experience also includes experience as a middle school, driver's education, and special education teacher; principal; and various central office positions. He taught two graduate courses – one on integrating the arts into the curriculum and one on school administration for Lesley College (now University) in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

As a four-time Fulbright Scholar to four countries, Stellar is also widely published with over 500 publications and the recipient of many awards such as AASA's "Distinguished Service", "Leadership for Learning" and the "Dr. Effie Jones Humanitarian" awards and Kappa Delta Pi's Eleanor Roosevelt Chapter. Ohio University honored him at Homecoming 2015 with the Medal of Merit Award for being an outstanding alumnus. He served on the editorial board for "Scholastic Administrator" and was the assistant editor for the <u>Journal for School Public Relations</u>, as well as having served a guest editor. He is currently the assistant editor for the <u>Journal of Education Human Relations</u>.

Among his proudest accomplishments are (1) reducing the number of at-risk/low performing schools in Oklahoma City from thirty-two (F schools) to only three (low performing or D schools) and (2) mentoring various protégés including a diverse array of fifty-five administrators who have become superintendents with six recognized as state superintendents of the year- both accomplishments are national records!

Dr. Stellar is recognized as an educational administrator who gets great results in overall excellence and equity. His leadership always produces significantly increased student achievement and reductions in academic gaps. In every district he has led, the number of dropouts goes down (generally cut in half) and student attendance goes up. Student discipline and behavior become better with less punitive measures such as fewer suspensions or paddlings (eliminated in two districts). Students score higher on ALL tests and win more competitions for art, music, drama, JROTC, athletics, science, student council, vocational, academic bowls, etc. The enrollment in Advanced Placement courses increases by 3 to 4 times (Stellar was the first superintendent in the country to arrange for bonuses for both students and teacher for AP exam results). Stellar was also the first superintendent in the country to close 7 schools for low performance and re-staff all 7 schools – long before any state or Federal laws for restructuring schools existed.

While not one to refrain from dismissing incompetent employees, he has never lost any legal case, including a landmark school desegregation case that went to the US Supreme Court. This latter case was won partly due to an acknowledged reduction of the overall achievement gap of 13 percentile points on standardized tests between racially identifiable schools and others to 8 percentile points, plus other achievement gap reductions.

In Taunton, Massachusetts, Stellar's leadership raised student achievement on MCAS and other tests, as well as in art, music, student council, and science. The dropout rate was 6.8% before he arrived and 4.18% when he left. He was an advocate for technology adding computer software programs, computers and smartboards. Staffs were trained in all these programs along with training for the compilation and analysis of data through Test Wiz. Of the 22 urban districts in Massachusetts, Taunton rose to become #1 in English/language arts and #2 in math while being #22, or last, in funding.

In Burke County Public Schools, besides becoming one of the most cost-effective districts in North Carolina, the number of schools of distinction rose from 10 to 19 due to every grade level, every subject and every school improving their test educational results. In 2010-11 the percentage of schools making AYP was 44% when the state average was only 27%. The graduation rate improved from 69% to 85%. The use of corporal punishment decreased from 325 (leading the state) to 2 incidents in 2010-2011 and then eliminated. Over \$4 million was saved in energy consumption, generating awards and identifying the district as an "Energy Star Leader" with all schools having met Energy Star School criteria by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Dr. Stellar earned a Ph. D in Education Administration, a bachelor's degree in elementary education with a master's degree in school administration, all from Ohio University. He enjoys collecting antiques and competing in marathons.

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